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DETAILED ACTION

Reply Brief

The reply brief filed 7/24/06 has been entered and considered. The Examiner's Answer (mailed 5/23/06) does explain a focus position taught in Li. The focus position has been interpreted similar to a focus point, a position or area on a display where a type of focus or attention is brought. The focus can be interpreted as bringing attention or highlighting a distinct position or location on a display. Although the Examiner's Answer may disclose a definition of a "focus point", the discussion in the Examiner's Answer is directed towards Li disclosing a focus position. The focus position as claimed teaches that there is a position where focus is brought to the claim language does not state that the focus position is static or must remain in one distinct position. Therefore, a focus position is any position or location on a display screen that has focus brought to it. Therefore, moving the second control object to a focus position is interpreted as making movements that would result in a second control object to be in a focus position. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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